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For: ANTI-MICROBIAL ANTIPERSPIRANT PRODUCTS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application filed concurrently herewith, please amend the following:

**In the Claims:**

Please enter the following amended claims:

3. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to claim 1, characterised in that the antiperspirant active and the transition metal chelator are both present in the same composition.
4. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to claim 1, comprising a liquid or soft solid composition.
6. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to claim 1, comprising an aerosol composition.

7. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to claim 1, wherein the antiperspirant active is an aluminium, zirconium, or mixed aluminium/zirconium salt.

9. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to claim 1, wherein the transition metal chelator is an iron (III) chelator.

11. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to claim 1, wherein the transition metal chelator is micromolar-active.

12. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to claim 1, wherein the transition metal chelator has an acid form comprising at least five acid groups.

13. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to claim 1, wherein the transition metal chelator is a polyaminocarboxylic acid or salt thereof.

15. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to claim 1, comprising an additional organic anti-microbial agent.

17. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to claim 1, comprising fragrance material at up to 4% by weight of the composition.

18. (Amended) A method of controlling microbial numbers, said method comprising the application to a substrate of a product according to claim 1.

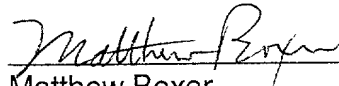
19. (Amended) A cosmetic method of reducing perspiration and providing additional control of bacterial numbers on a human body surface, said method comprising the topical application to the human body of any of the products according to claim 1.

## REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted to eliminate multiple dependencies and to correct minor typographical errors.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

3. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterised in that the antiperspirant active and the transition metal chelator are both present in the same composition.
4. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, comprising a liquid or soft solid composition.
6. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, comprising an aerosol composition.
7. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, wherein the antiperspirant active is an aluminium, zirconium, or mixed aluminium/zirconium salt.
9. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, wherein the transition metal chelator is an iron (III) chelator.
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15. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, comprising an additional organic anti-microbial agent.

17. (Amended) An anti-microbial product according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, comprising fragrance material at up to 4% by weight of the composition.

18. (Amended) A method of controlling microbial numbers, said method comprising the application to a substrate of a product according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1.

19. (Amended) A cosmetic method of reducing perspiration and providing additional control of bacterial numbers on a human body surface, said method comprising the topical application to the human body of any of the products according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 17~~ claim 1.